

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 14400
San Francisco, CA 94102

Contact: Victoria B. Henley
Director-Chief Counsel
(415) 557-1200

FOR RELEASE
January 20, 2005

HEARING SCHEDULED IN MATTER
CONCERNING JUDGE KEVIN A. ROSS

The Commission announced today that the hearing in this matter will resume, with oral argument before the special masters at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2005 at the courtroom of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, 300 South Spring Street, Third Floor, Los Angeles, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

Under the rules that govern Commission proceedings, the hearing will be conducted by Special Masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Justice Judith L. Haller, Presiding, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One; Judge Vincent J. O'Neill, Superior Court of Ventura County; and Judge Michael A. Smith, Superior Court of San Bernardino County.

Commission Trial Counsel Jack Coyle has been designated as examiner. Judge Ross is represented by attorney Edward P. George, Jr., of Long Beach, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the Special Masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is the Honorable Vance W. Raye, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District in Sacramento. There is currently one public member vacancy on the Commission.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the Commission's Web page at www.cjp.ca.gov.